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# Scurries To Save Flume

Warm, sunny skies continue to melt mountain snows, signaling the beginning of slide season in Utah.

For Utah Power and Light crews, it means keeping an eye on the green flume that runs through Provo Canyon.

The UP&L owned flume broke last year when the shifting mountain put too much pressure on the water carrier. UP&L workers repaired the flume, but quickly realized their work wasn't through.

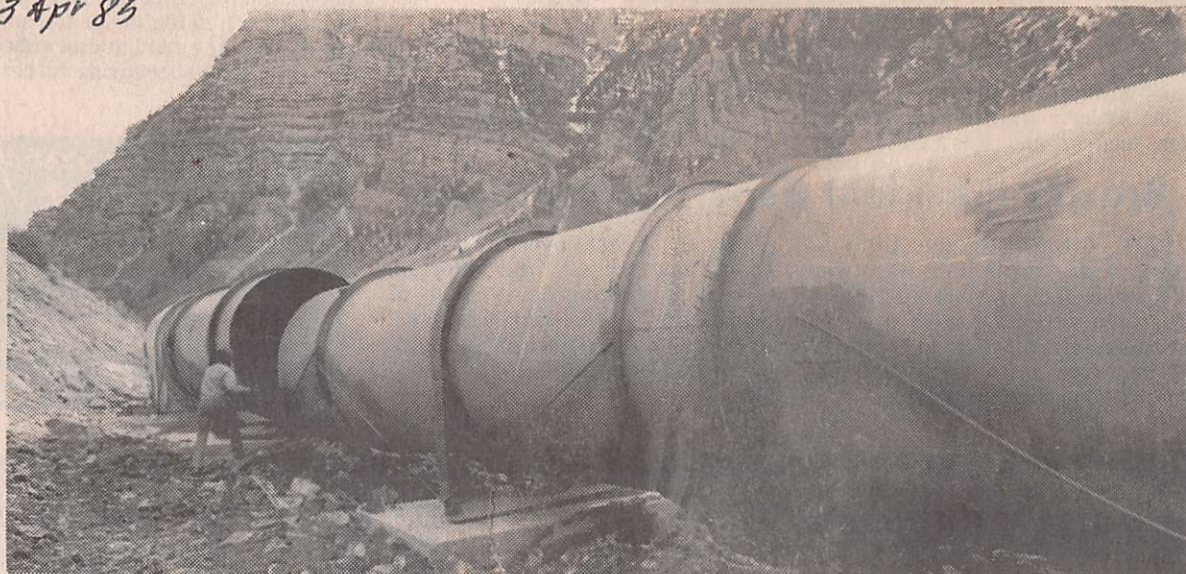
"It's slipping again this year," said John Serfustini, spokesman for UP&L.

He said rather than let the pipe break again, UP&L workers cut the pipe in several key places in the canyon. As the earth around the flume shifts, the flume will slide easily with the earth.

Is there anyway to not break or cut the flume?

"I don't think so. When a mountain decides to move it's hard to stop that," he said.

The flume is expected to be used in the future when the mountain dries out and stabilizes, said Serfustini. He said UP&L officials are considering constructing retaining walls or other supports to keep the flume in place.



A worker inspects the slice crews have taken out of the UP&L flume in Provo Canyon.

## Forecasters Say Potential For Mudslides 'Very High'

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — The flood danger in Utah remains moderate in northern Utah after near normal precipitation in March, but the potential for mudslides is "very high," forecasters say.

William Alder, National Weather Service meteorologist in charge and Gerald Williams, a hydrologist, also said April is a "very critical month to the spring flood picture."

"Areas of concern still remain around the southeast shores of the swelling Great Salt Lake, Utah Lake, the Cottonwoods (canyons) in Salt Lake County and southward along the San Pitch and lower Sevier waterways," the two said Tuesday.

April is normally the wettest month for the Wasatch Front with most areas receiving more than 2 inches of moisture, the forecasters said.

"The ideal gift from Mother Nature is light to moderate amounts of precipitation at scattered intervals and temperatures not departing a great deal from normal," they said. "This would allow for a gradual reduction of snowpack, which is extremely desirable."

But Alder and Williams said the high moisture content of the state's soils is a major concern. They cited an embankment that collapsed in Salt Lake County last week, killing two construction workers.

"The potential is very high for debris flows, land failures, mudflows and earth failures," the statement said. "These could occur any time in the mountainous-foothill area in the north-central portions of Utah north of a line from Fillmore-Manti to Price."



Steve Helner Photos

A worker makes another cut in the UP&L flume.





## Two Sides Exchange Fire

A fundamentalist Sunni Moslem fighter prepares to fire a rocket-propelled grenade at Christian miliamen entrenched in the outskirts of Sidon in southern Lebanon today. The Christians, in the meantime, had rounded up 300 Shiite Moslems from a small village and questioned their activities. During the past week, 63 people have been killed in fighting between the Moslems and Christians in the area.

## Sudanese Leader Claims Iranians Armed Plotters

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry says guerrilla forces were being trained with Iranian arms when he moved last month to head off a planned coup by Moslem fundamentalists in his government.

"Had it not been for our taking action, the Sudan would have had a big fight," he said Tuesday in an

interview with United Press International. "They were ready for guerrilla fighting."

The leader of Africa's largest nation — and one of its most impoverished — also blamed the fundamentalists for promoting demonstrations that began last week, a day after Numeiry abolished subsidies on food prices.

appeared to head off a national strike over four workers suspended for refusing to use a new zip-code reading machine in a protest over cost-cutting measures.

A six-hour meeting between union leaders and Post Office offi-

the dispute.

The strikers returned to work Tuesday so an official strike vote could be held in compliance with British labor laws.

## Brazil's President Reported Improved

SAO PAULO, Brazil (UPI) — Doctors said today they were winning their fight against a stubborn infection threatening 75-year-old President-elect Tancredo Neves as he recovers from his fourth abdominal operation in 18 days.

"Based on tests over the past 12 hours, doctors say the infection process is showing definite signs of regressing," presidential spokesman Antonio Brito said at a morning medical briefing.

during Israel's 1982 invasion and occupation of Lebanon, were taken to an Israeli detention center under the emergency regulations imposed by Israel as the occupying force.

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